Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 for recognition and vesting of occupation and habitation rights on forest land to the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers has already been notified for operation with effect from 31.12.2007. The rules for carrying out the provisions of the Act have also been notified on 1.1.2008. Copies of the Act and the rules are available on the website (www.tribal.gov.in) of the Minisry of Tribal Affairs.

(d) to (f) The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is a Central Act extends to the whole of India, except the State of Jammu & Kashmir. After operationalisation of the Act the Central Government has addressed all the States and the UT Governments on 11.1.2008 to constitute various Committee under the Act and also initiate necessary action for recognition & vesting of forest rights in the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers under the Act, as per a time bound schedule.

Project of Forest Development Agencies of Gir

2204. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been submitted by Government of Gujarat for the project of Forest Development Agencies of Gir (East) and Gir (West);

(b) if so, the amount of fund sanctioned for the project;

(c) the amount of fund released till date; and

(d) by when the remaining fund is expected to be released to State for carrying out the remaining work of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. Two proposals namely, of Gir (West) and Gir (East) Forest Development Agencies have been received from Gujarat respectively for 224.86 lakh and 254.18 lakh during the Tenth Plan. The Gujarat Forest Department was requested to provide certain details and documents required for processing the proposals which have since been received. The proposals are under examination by the concerned division of this Ministry. Funds will be released if the proposals are finally approved/sanctioned.

Frame work to curb global warming

2205. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement was reached at Bali Conference on climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any measures to cut industrial and power pollution were discussed in the Conference;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government would make any policy frame-work with the help of business and civic society to curb the global warming; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The thirteenth Conference of Parties (COP-13) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the third Meeting of Parties (MOP-3) to Kyoto Protocol was held in Bali in December 2007. The principal outcome of the Bali conference was to launch a comprehensive process called Bali Action Plan (BAP) that would enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the UNFCCC through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012. It is expected that an agreed outcome would be reached and a decision adopted regarding BAP, at the fifteenth Conference of Parties (COP-15) to be held in December 2009.

The Conference of Parties serving as Meeting of Parties at Bali also took crucial decisions in respect of the Kyoto Protocol, the Adhoc Working Group on further commitments of developed countries (beyond 2012) finally established a deadline of 2009 for the completion of its work and forwarding to COP-15 for a decision, its recommendations on quantified emissions limitation and reduction commitments of Annex I Parties (developed countries).

(c) Among other things, the COP/MOP at Bali discussed issues related to transfer of technologies that have the potential of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from industry and power plants in general. However *per se* pollution related matters were not discussed.

(d) to (f) In the first meeting of the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change held in July 2007, *inter alia* it was decided that a National Action Plan on climate change will be prepared. This report is under preparation.

Kaziranga National Park in Assam

2206. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of rhino are being killed by poachers in Kaziranga National Park in Assam;

(b) if so, the number of such poaching in that Park during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government is aware that militants in the North-East are involved in a flourishing rhino poaching in that Park and if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Incidents of poaching of Rhinos have been reported